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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. U.S.A. 20231.

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the office Action of October 22, 2002, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute all the generic claims together with the specie claimed in claims 38 and 39 (protein and fermentation broth).

Remarks

It is believed that Applicant has complied with all the requirements of the Office Action. It is Applicant's understanding that the claims to the non-elected species will be reinstated if any of the generic claims (1, 21-37, 44 and 45 as identified in the Office Action) is found to be patentable.

It is believed this application is now in condition for Allowance and reinstatement of the claims defining non-elected species (claims 40 to 43 inclusive) and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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